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FIRST DAY Saturday, 7th June

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(The June Stakes, Six Furlongs)

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GAME OF GUFF

GOALIE of an English Soccer team who missed the shot at goal which gave the other side victory—after an extra period of play—branded himself "the most unhappy man in the British Isles."

On that personal declaration, rather than by the fact that he had proved that humans—even goalies—were fallible, he made the headlines in the English newspapers. The news was flashed throughout the world. What a travesty!

Part of the charm of any game, particularly in its higher realms of skill, are the variations of fortune, an occasional propensity of the best to do the worst—a Gregory dropping a catch at slips, a Ross missing a kick at goal before the posts, an Attlee finishing down the straight.

The thrills in sport are not the expected, but the unexpected; not the surmises, but the surprises. Sport would be a dull show otherwise. We would be praying for deliverance from its dull round—hoping that the bolter would come home.

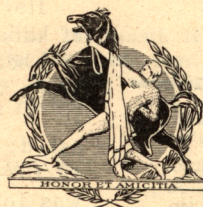
Thus, it is a deplorable twist on the news, as in the goalie's case, to magnify an incident almost into the stature of a crime, accounting for personal humiliation, self-imposed, and world broadcast.

It is also an unfortunate development of the modern practice of projecting individuals rather than being concerned with team work. From this source also have flowed the crazy tags—"hero," "potential Test star"—and such like splather in the dishwater department.

Any Offers?

Thomas T. Paterson, 60 West Esplanade, Manly, writes:

I have an old piece of work in a pedigree plan of Carbine. It shows the total amount he won in stakes at two, three, four and five years. It shows also 200 ancestors, and is compiled in the shape of a rising sun. It was printed about 1895. Any offers?



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1st I. Green	17th Dr. J. C. B.
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JULY.

5th Dr. W. McDonnell Kelly	17th L. Mitchell
6th J. B. Moran	21st A. H. Stocks
8th C. F. Horley	27th John Colquhoun
11th K. E. Ives	28th L. J. Madment
13th F. C. Belot	C. B. R. Lawler
15th W. M. Goffan	30th Robert Mead
R. C. Chapple	31st H. Webster

W. I. (BILL) HILL was in a jam one recent night, and this is how he got out of it, according to his own story:

When his wife 'phoned him at his office on a night she understood him to be working back, there was no response. At explanation time, next morning, Bill said: I had just slipped back to the club. She: I guessed you might have, so I 'phoned there. You were not in again. Bill: I had decided to spend a quarter of an hour in the sweat box in the Athletic Dept. She: Then why couldn't they have put me through on the 'phone? Bill: Because there was no 'phone. She: Why? Bill: Well, there was a 'phone there in the beginning, but it melted under the constant heat.

Bill added that he couldn't back himself to repeat the performance and be again led in a winner.

JACK SCULLY says of Old Rowley, who won the Melbourne Cup for him in 1935: "Bless the good fellow. Now rising 17 years, he is still enjoying a life of ease in country pastures." Less favourably disposed toward the winner at the time was a suburban delivery lad. He had rated the horse's chance so poorly as to name Old Rowley as the horse he had drawn to every housewife who invested 2/6 in his sweep. When Old Rowley came home, the delivery lad got a flying start on the housewives.

TWO pals, Joe Matthews and Joe Harris, played a friendly game of billiards. Said Joe M. to Joe H.: "I'll bet you ten." This was agreed. When Joe M., beaten, handed Joe H. a ten-shilling note, the latter asked: "What about the balance of £9/10/-?" said Joe M.: "The bet was for ten and I've paid you ten. Now, stand me a drink."

JACK DEXTER sent them away in the final of the luncheon-hour swimmers' dash over 40 yards—including one turn—in Tattersall's Club pool. It would not have been an event without Jack, who has been everything in an honorary capacity in the promotion of luncheon hour swimming in the club's pool in the past 20 years. He was a member of the Australian team—Hardwick, Stedman (V.) and Longworth were the others—which defeated the Americans, including the great Norman Ross, in an 880 yards relay race at the Inter-Allied Games in Paris in 1919.

BILL KENDALL (ser.) was beaten 1½ yards by S. B. Solomon (9 secs.) in the final. C. C. Hoole (5 secs.) and George Goldie (14 secs.) filled the other places. Jack Dexter said of Kendall, former Australian champion: "He was the greatest sprinter we produced. He would have been our greatest middle distance swimmer had he cared."

MR. JERRY DOWLING is in his element these days keeping the Sydney Turf Club's courses up to standard and all the club's innovations before the racing public.

The barrier stalls and the photo-finish camera run a dead-heat for Mr. Dowling as high-light adjuncts to a modern racecourse.

He can talk of the advantages of both for hours.

Time has marched on since the old Rosebery days when Mr. Dowling fought almost a single-handed fight to keep going and Rosebery was the life line for trainers during the wet days when all other courses were bogged down.

HANS ROBERTSON'S play in a heat of the billiards tournament: Owe 130, he overtook W. I. Hill, receive 90, at 182, and ran out a winner (250 up) with an unfinished break, with his opponent's tally at 194. Hans' breaks included one of 60 and another of 63.

WEBSTER'S Dictionary describes shyster as "U.S." slang; origin unknown, and defines it: A lawyer who practices in an unprofessional or tricky manner; specially one who preys on petty criminals; hence, anyone who conducts his business in a tricky manner.

We regret to record death of members since last issue as follows:

GRIBBIN, H. E. Elected to Membership 8/5/1933. Died 10/5/47.

HOWLEY, J. C. Elected to Membership 19/3/1928. Died 24/5/47.

MR. FRED VINER-HALL will travel by his pre-war Packard to Burradoo no more only the skeleton of the car remains.

One severe evening all seemed well, the Packard was garaged and the dogs were starting out for a walk.

Suddenly, billows of smoke appeared from the garage doors followed by flames, all caused, it is summarised, by a short in the car's wiring.

Before anything could be done car and garage were rapidly disappearing.

HARRY GRIBBIN, who died at Newport recently, ran copy as a lad in England for one of Horatio Bottomley's newspapers during the trial of Crippen, first murderer brought to justice by medium of wireless. The ship on which Crippen was thought to have bolted from England was picked up by wireless en route to the U.S. Crippen was described with particular reference to his gold teeth. The captain told the suspect a yarn, a merry laugh laughed he—and the skipper knew that he had the wanted man as passenger.

HORSE OF THE MONTH

Grand Fils Now a Grand Old 'Un

Only excuse for introducing Grand Fils as the horse of the month is that he is about the grand old horse of the turf, facing up to his tenth year. For good measure he is still going strong, and is Sydney's versatile racehorse, capable of winning from six furlongs to thirteen.

GRAND FILS began his racing career modestly, trained by George Price for the business friends, the club's chairman, Mr. S. E. Chatterton, and Mr. E. R. Williams.

As a two-year-old colt he did not promise ever to rise even to modest heights on a racecourse.

Later he became the sole property of Mr. Chatterton and trained by Tom Murray.

Away back in 1941, one of the darkest war years, Grand Fils won his first race, a maiden Handicap, at Rosehill, in May quite late in the season.

In the next year, however, the little gelding rose to his greatest heights, he won the Campbelltown Handicap of six furlongs at Randwick, and the Theo Marks, or Camellia Stakes, of seven furlongs at Rosehill.

Ordinarily these races would lead up to the Epsom Handicap, but Grand Fils was no ordinary racehorse.

He confounded precedent by winning the Metropolitan with 7.12.

From seven furlongs to a mile and five furlongs was no trouble to him.

Keeping up the good work, he won Tattersall's Club Cup on New Year's Day of 1943. Then, after an absence of over a year, he won the Anniversary Handicap in 1944, and two years later he won the same race.

Altogether Grand Fils has won nine races, and seven of them could be included in the major list on the Sydney standard.

What is most creditable in his case is that he had to do his racing and winning during the toughest times through which the turf struggled to exist.

Racing had to survive severe cuts, raceless Saturdays, inhibitions of all kinds, and increased its hold on the public interest.

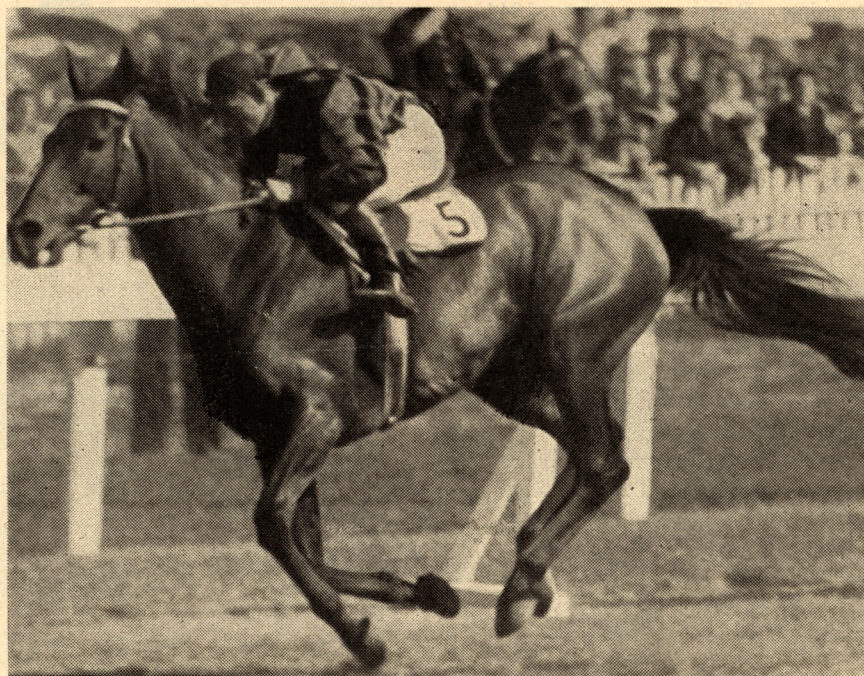
Horses of the type of Grand Fils aided materially to do this.

During the currency of this month's magazine Grand Fils easily could be adding to his record.

Trainer Tom Murray says that the old fellow is more sprightly than ever.

Grand Fils is, as one would expect, a quiet horse round the stable and only a moderate doer. But Murray says that what the old gelding eats is of extreme benefit to him and he is not finicky.

Murray has had some hundreds of horses through his hands of all



Grand Fils is just a plain little gelding, but he has been a big winner at Randwick. Does he look a ten-year-old?

Few would believe that he was more than a five-year-old.

He has been full of go and dash in his most recent races, and could be accounted unlucky in one of them.

His remarkable preservation is due apparently to a super-constitution and an easy-going character.

Murray says that the ten-year-old carries his years more remarkably than any horse in his experience. He describes the old gelding as still battling on in his races and in close finishes—just like a juvenile.

types, but he thinks that Grand Fils is one of the best.

Four major races at Randwick qualify any horse for top rank.

And take a tip from the trainer—ten years and all Grand Fils has not done with winning.

First golfer: "It's pretty hopeless looking for a ball in that patch. I'm afraid you'll have to drop one over your shoulder."

Second ditto: "I have. That's the one I'm looking for."

ENGLISH DERBY POINTS

Despite new races, altered conditions and mammoth prizes, the Epsom Derby decided this month remains the greatest horse race in the world. Decided for the first time in 1780, won by Diomed, owned by Sir C. Bunbury, and ridden by S. Arnall, it is still going strong, and not even world wars and dictators could prevent it from being run and won. The Derby has had a change of scene, but the continuity is unbroken.

EDWARD SMITH STANLEY, twelfth Earl of Derby, founded both the Derby and Oaks. The gossips said that his enthusiastic devotion to horse-racing was due to his wife, the Lady Betty, being more interested in the Duke of Dorset. Racing became the distraction for a neglected husband.

Running Rein won the 1844 Derby, but subsequently was proved to be a four-year-old.

Orlando, who finished second, automatically became the winner.

The determination of Lord George Bentwick uncovered the Running Rein ramp.

Hermit's snowstorm Derby in 1867 brought off a bet in one hand of £180,000 to £6,000, a wager which makes present-day transactions of very small proportions.

In those days a sovereign was a sovereign, and the bet was for real money.

The Duke of Hamilton challenged the colt's owner, Captain Machell, to bet, and the captain took the challenger at his word.

Hermit bled badly in his final trial a week before the race, and efforts were made to persuade Machell to cancel the bet.

He declined, took the risks, and Hermit was a miserable looking Derby candidate sheltering under the bushes at the start from the snowflakes.

Hermit came with a smothering run at the finish, the race being run in fine weather, the snowstorm ending with the start of the race.

This year the King's colours were carried by Blue Train, by the 1939 Derby winner Blue Peter from Sun Chariot, who won the 1,000 Guineas, Oaks, and St. Leger for His Majesty in 1942.

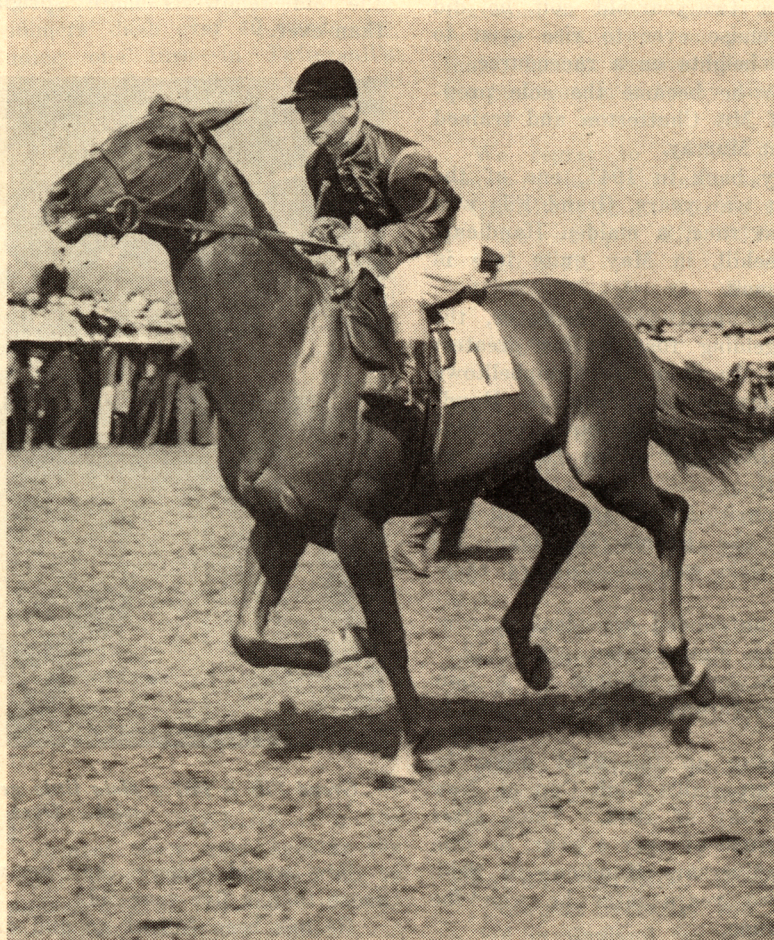
Minorn's Derby in 1909 has been the only occasion on which the great race has been won by a reigning monarch. The late King Edward VII. won with Persimmon and

Diamond Jubilee when he was Prince of Wales.

The late Steve Donoghue with six successes has the greatest riding record in the Derby. His first two on Pommern, 1915, and Gay Crus-

is almost unbelievable to an Australian race-goer. As a spectacle the race is seen completely by only a fortunate few.

Although there is a long run-in from the famous—or infamous—



Blue Train, entered in The King's colours for the Derby last Saturday, was a late scratching.

ader, 1917, were substitute Derbys at Newmarket during World War I., but at Epsom he won on Humorist in 1921, Captain Cuttle, 1922, and on Papyrus in 1923, a wonderful and unique "hat-trick".

After missing a year, Donoghue won on Manna, his last success.

Epsom, the scene of the Derby,

Tottenham corner, the race usually is lost or won at that point.

The first Saturday in June was the big day. Transport restrictions in England's tough post-war days removed the Derby from the mid-week, but not from Epsom nor from the calendar.

The Derby carries on.

IT COULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED IF—

The photo-camera, until less than two years ago a curio in Australia, has been thoroughly tested on our various courses and is now generally regarded as an indispensable factor in the racing game.

UNTIL the camera became a part of the "furniture" of our racecourses numerous close finishes were witnessed in which the judge was absolutely the only person on the course in a position to say which horse held the advantage, however slight, as the post was passed.

Notwithstanding this obvious fact, numerous decisions by judges have been attacked by dissatisfied parties and, while some of the verdicts may have been wrong, the absence of proof of that point has always led to the assumption that the judge's decision was correct.

Now the camera is the ultimate arbiter and its recorded verdict cannot be questioned.

Sydney has indeed been fortunate in having as race judges, for many years, such competent officials as Messrs. Dudley Smith and Dudley Allsop for its principal meetings. But, competent as these men have proved, they are only human and on occasions their placings have been deemed somewhat wide of the mark.

Notable Cases.

One of the most notable cases of a mistake on the part of a judge took place at Randwick nearly thirty years ago. The race was the Doncaster Handicap in which Sydney Damsel clearly filled third place but, to the amazement of her tote backers, Panacre's number was hoisted in third place on the semaphore.

Practically every person on the course knew that Panacre had finished well back in the field but there was a slight similarity in the colours carried by the two horses and this probably led to the mix-up.

Panacre carried an all-pink jacket and Sydney Damsel a pink jacket with black spots.

The mistake was not rectified on the course but the incident aroused so much comment in racing circles that the A.J.C. subsequently paid to the owner of Sydney Damsel a sum equal to third money and also

paid third dividends to those tote backers of Sydney Damsel who had been fortunate enough to retain their tickets.

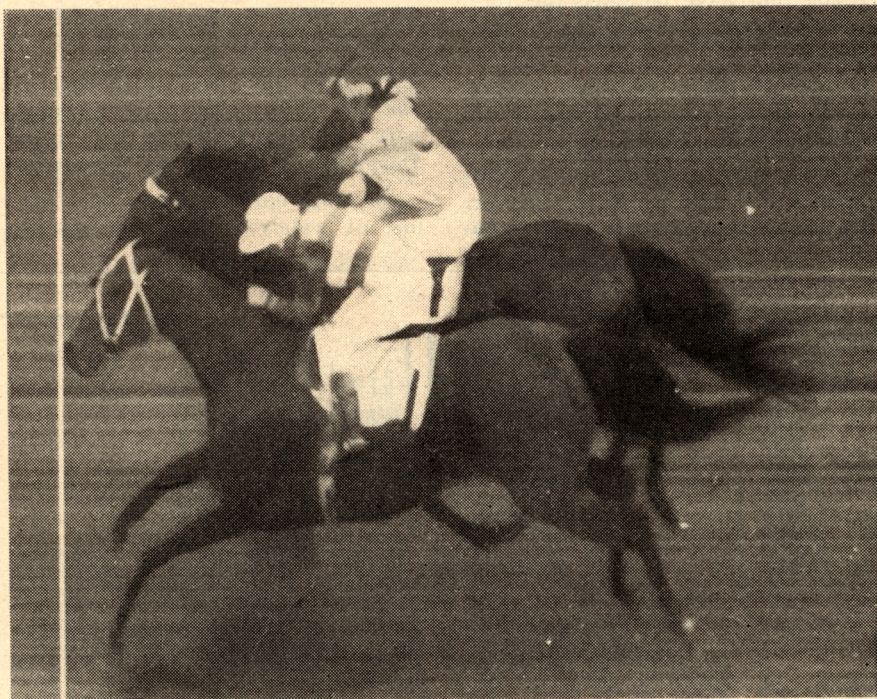
In 1937 at Moorfield the judge placed The Marne third in a mile race when the horse obviously finished in fifth place. Panrose actually secured third position but the original placings were allowed to stand and tote and each way backers of Panrose were left with unpaid briefs.

vice (2nd) and War Effort (3rd).

Tote backers of War Effort received a "bonus" as their fancy finished no closer than fourth.

Shortly after the War Effort incident photo-cameras became a regular feature of Sydney meetings.

The above cases do not by any means constitute a full and complete list of official errors but it is an accepted fact that errors on the part of judges in Sydney racing have been few and far between. The



How an official photo decided a race in favour of Spearex over Buonarroti Boy at Randwick recently.

The most recent case in Sydney where a wrong placing was allowed to remain unaltered was also at Moorefield on January 5, 1946.

On that occasion Columnist finished fast on the inside in the Peter Moore Cup but somehow the judge's vision was obscured and he missed Columnist altogether.

Pictures taken by unofficial cameras at the time clearly showed Columnist in either second or third place but the judge made the placings Wellington (1st), Active Ser-

proportion of error has been amazingly low but the advent of the camera has eliminated even that small proportion provided that the judges avail themselves of the use of the finish prints in each event.

The necessity of consulting the photo after every race was amply demonstrated at Randwick a few weeks ago.

On April 9 the judge placed Haxton third in the City Handicap behind Invictus and Loyal March.

As soon as the photo was ex-

amed the mistake was apparent and little time was lost in substituting Haxton's number by that of Paktong.

Finished Sixth.

Haxton had finished in sixth place, a long way from the first three horses. Had the camera not been in use on that occasion a situation similar to those others mentioned may have arisen.

Some racegoers are still hard to convince and remain sceptical of the photo-camera.

They say that outside horses are unduly favoured by the camera and endeavour to bolster up their argument by pointing out the extraordinary number of horses on the outside that have obtained the verdict when a camera-finish was ordered.

However, this is probably largely accounted for by the fact that, with few exceptions, horses on the outside are those coming with a late finishing run and those on the inside are the ones that have been

in front and are inclined to be weakening over the last bit.

It is extremely difficult for a person standing at an angle to the winning post to say at what exact point the outside horse has gained the advantage over the slower-moving inside one.

A case in point was the finish between Buonarroto Boy and Spearex at Randwick on May 24.

Buonarroti Boy was in front a short distance from the finish but Spearex came up on the outside and the pair passed the post locked together.

Many official-stand regulars were eager to support Buonarroto Boy whilst the print was being developed but the resulting picture clearly indicated that Spearex had the advantage crossing the line.

Perhaps the best advertisement for the camera since its inception here was the finish of the recent Doncaster Handicap at Randwick.

Several horses went over the line at widely-spaced intervals be-

tween the inside and outside rails and few racegoers were prepared to plump confidently for either Wellington (rails), Crusader (centre) or Blue Legend (wide out).

Each of the three had a host of supporters but the camera clearly showed Blue Legend with the advantage.

The camera has certainly done a good job in the time that it has been in use and it is definitely here to stay.

WAY back in 1893 the first three horses to pass the post for the English Lincolnshire Handicap were all three-year-olds—Wolf's Crag, Gangway and Marcion. Since then second-season horses have rarely shone in this race, and nowadays very few are entered.

In 1902 the great Sceptre was beaten a short-head by St. Maclou, and in 1914 Cuthbert was second to Outram. These two were the only three-year-olds to be placed in the race since Wolf's Crag's year.



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AUSTRALIA AT THE CROSSROADS

Australia is rapidly approaching the cross-roads of its economic future. On one hand we have it within our grasp to become internationally important as a secondary producing nation. On the other we can take things easily, be lethargic; ignore opportunities; and remain a wood and water jockey for the rest of the world. Which road do we want to take?

IN plain words that is Australia's choice.

Unless we make it soon it will be too late; for it is an opportunity that won't last.

Markets hungry for goods won't wait while Australia haggles and diddles with the problem of greater output and while other producers in other countries are anxiously endeavouring to fill them.

If we choose to recognise these industrial opportunities and turn them to our advantage, so can we expect our living standards to rise above the levels we have been accustomed to expect.

But if we choose to ignore them, any dreams of building a bigger and better Australia must vaporise into thin air.

And so must our living standards go lower; or, at best, remain on their present level.

By hard work Australia can expand its production; enhance its industrial name beyond our own borders.

For both local and overseas markets are crying aloud for the produce of our industries.

Buyers from India, from South Africa, from the Philippines and other countries have already approached many Australian manufacturers. They have offered orders worth millions of pounds. But few have been accepted.

Most buyers have returned empty handed for the simple but important reason that Australia's industry isn't producing enough to sell them the goods they require.

Economically, Australia came out of the war and through the early years of transition in a unique position.

We had no physical war damage

to repair; we have increased our productive resources by the addition of new plant, new machinery, new processes, and new technique to industry.

We have not suffered from any acute shortages of raw materials—except, of course, those man-made shortages which have been caused by industrial stoppages and disturbances.

Finally, we have the important advantage over overseas manufacturers that our price level is much more stable and that we have a smaller degree of inflation.

These factors in Australia's favour, and particularly the stability of prices, could be and should be the fingerpost pointing out our way at the crossroads. For the rise in wages costs in Australia since 1939 has been only about half as much in Britain and probably one-third of the increase in U.S.A.

That alone gives us a handicap of great assistance in the race for post-war markets.

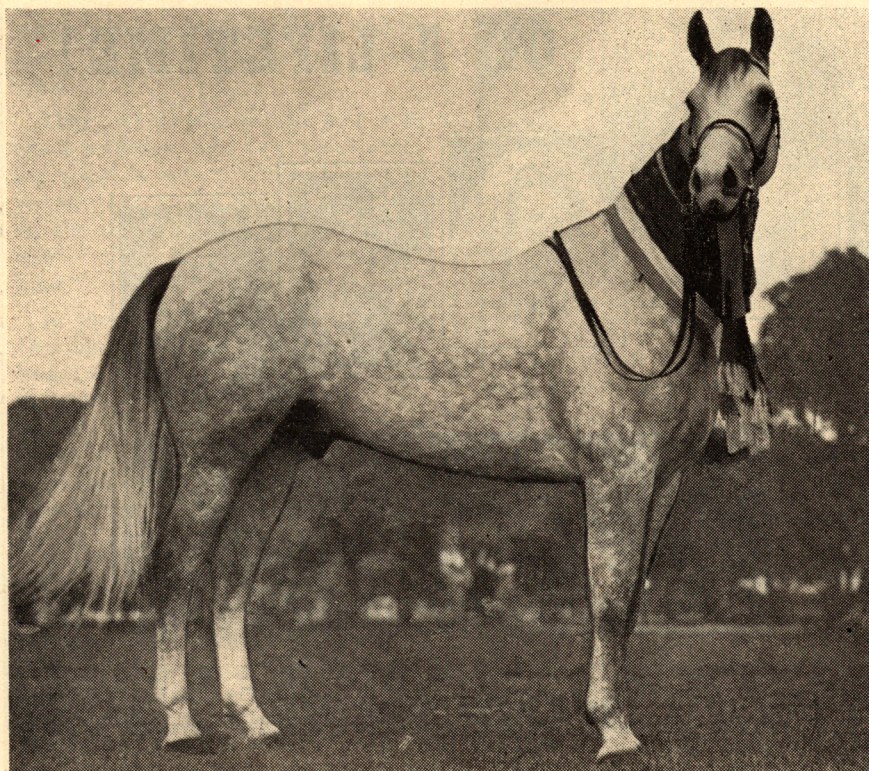
But it will not be ours if we simply sit and wait. Or if we dream airily about full employment while labour calls the tune in production costs and rate of output.

Nor will it be ours if capital, in the form of a few employers, refuse reasonable concessions or legitimate claims for improved working conditions.

Only when those two factors in production get together and bring with them the third, but sleeping, partner in all industry, the Government, can Australia expect to travel the smooth, well-paved road to prosperity.

Given that partnership of happy relationships in production, Mr. Chifley's vision of a golden age for Australia need be no castle in the air. It could be translated into a tangible reality.

Without that union of harmonious production the only alternative is the rocky road of lost opportunities, delayed prosperity, and shaky standards of living for everybody.



Mr. G. R. GAYLEARD'S *Brandon Gem*, Grand Champion Saddle Horse, at the Royal Show, Sydney, 1947. *Brandon Gem* was ridden by Mrs. Gayleard.

LEADEN SEA-SERPENT

A War Memory

ONE OF BRITAIN'S most astounding feats during the war, was the laying of a pipeline—or, rather, a series of pipelines—along the bed of the English Channel, in order to deliver oil and gasoline to the Allied Forces on the continent. Sixteen lines ran between Dungeness and Calais, and four from Shanklin, in the Isle of Wight, to Cherbourg. Together they used up 700 miles of pipe, and each nautical mile of pipe contained lead to the value of £1,150. Multiply that amount of money by 700, and the total is—well, it's quite a lot.

So last year the British Government decided to take the 20 lines up again and bring home the lead for peacetime uses, and by December had succeeded, despite the winter's storms, in recovering more than 100 miles of the valuable pipe, and the work was still going on.

Laying the tubing was bad enough, the workers say, but getting it back aboard ship was worse. In the first place, once it was broken the pipe quickly filled with water, so that a nautical mile of it weighed 63 tons. Then the salvage ship had to be kept in line with the tubing, in order to bring it safely over the rollers in the bow, through the deck lead sheaves, around the drum of a huge steam winch, and so into the tanks in which a gang of experts coiled it into layers.

The work done by the two salvage ships engaged has been an important contribution to Britain's economic recovery, for the enormous amount of lead thus restored to the country could not have been obtained readily from any other source.

RED TAPE AGAIN

Someone forgot to fill in a form, so London Zoo must wait for a number of cobras and other deadly snakes, the gift of the Cairo Zoo.

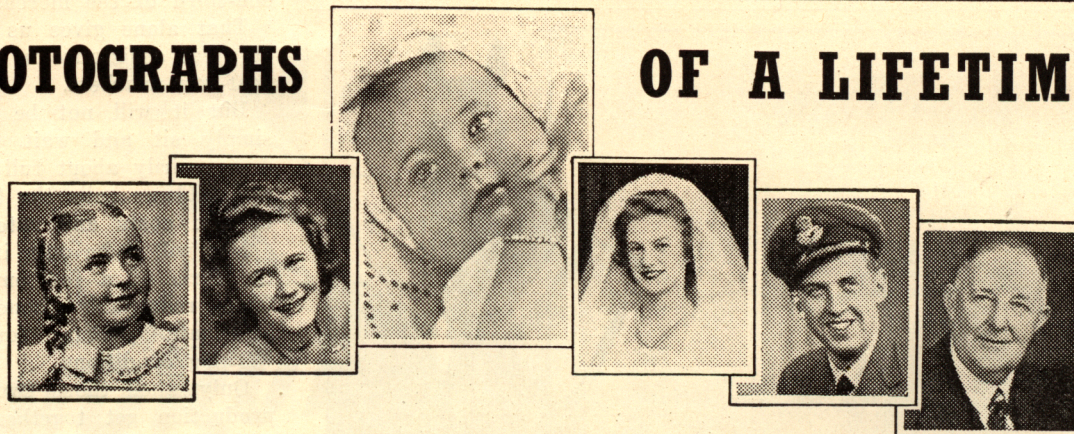
Returning by air from India, Dr. Harold Munro Fox, of London University, was to have collected the snakes when his plane touched down at Cairo, where they were waiting for him, curled up in comfortable boxes. "But because so many forms have to be filled in nowadays, one was apparently overlooked and he had to leave without them," said a Zoo official.

"We are not worrying," he added; "we shall get them eventually, and they are better in Cairo in this weather."

TECHNICAL information on penicillin production is to be given to German manufacturers by British and U.S. experts under a scheme announced by the Chemical Industries Branch of the British Control Commission.

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ORIGIN OF RUGBY FOOTBALL

In last issue of our magazine details were given of the origin of Soccer football. Now, with the advent of our New Zealand Rugby Union visitors, it is only right we should trace back the genesis of that brand of toeball. In the Doctors' Wall in Rugby School Close (Eng.) a tablet has stood through the years—

**This Stone
Commemorates the Exploit of
WILLIAM WEBB ELLIS,
who with fine disregard for the
Rules of Football
as played in his time
first took the ball in his arms
and ran with it
thus originating the distinctive
feature of the Rugby Game.
A.D. 1823.**

THIS time there is no guessing at the date of origin and, in 1923, at School Close, the centenary of Rugby Football was celebrated between England and Wales on one side and Scotland and Ireland on the other.

Accuracy as to the date on which the centenary was based had been ensured in July, 1895 by the investigations of an Old Rugbeian Committee, which included A. G. Guille-mard, a past president of Rugby Union.

They examined records and analysed evidence, and two years later, furnished a report which expressed regret that there was no evidence on the issue of the "Ellis malpractice". It was malpractice at the time.

In the words of Thomas Hughes: "Running with the ball (in 1834) to get a try by touching down within goal was not absolutely forbidden, but a jury of Rugby boys would almost have found a verdict of justifiable homicide if a boy had been killed running in."

PLAYED LIKE SOCCER.

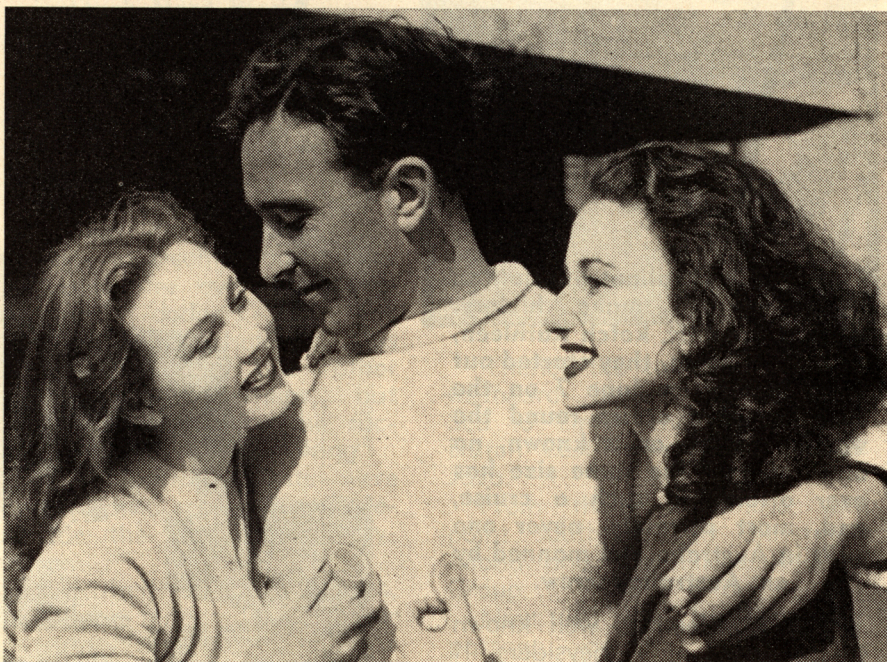
Originally the Rugby scheme of things resembled soccer very closely but the "Ellis innovation" although largely regarded with disfavour, gradually became accepted and was duly legalised by Big-Side Levee in 1841-42, and finally by the Rules of 1846.

Early on there was no uniformity of rules. History records that at

Blackheath, at Richmond and Clapham Common, and at the universities, Rugby, in crudest and most varying forms, took root.

Unfortunately a list of the early rules are not available to this magazine but before the writer at the moment is the list brought into being by Blackheath Club in 1862. I quote four only:—

4.—A ball in touch is dead, and



A well-known figure in new setting.—Denis Compton, English cricketer, who played in Test matches in Australia this year, was snapped at Arsenal Stadium in May, just prior to a Soccer match, in which sport Compton is equally efficient as a cricketer. The feminine stars are Hazel Court and Zena Marshall, film topliners, who will be screened in Sydney shortly in "Holiday Camp" and "Dear Murderer," etc.

the first player who touches it down must kick it straight out.

7.—Any player holding the ball, unless he has made his mark after a fair catch, may be hacked.

8.—No player shall be hacked and held at the same time; and hacking above and on the knee or from behind is unfair.

10.—Though it is lawful to hold a player in a scrummage, this does not include attempts to throttle or strangle, which are totally opposed to the principles of the game.

Naturally such a state of affairs could not continue indefinitely and in 1871 a meeting was called at the

Old Pall Mall Restaurant, Charing Cross, and the Rugby Union formed.

Three of those present—Peonard P. Maton, Edward Carlton Holmes and A. Rutter—were commissioned to codify the rules, which were based on the description of the game then existing at Rugby School.

Then followed game between 20-aside but, by the effluxion of time the teams were whittled down to

15 at which figure they have stayed ever since.

In 1883 Rugger was awarded a full blue at Oxford and, a year later, Cambridge followed suit.

So, now we know where we stand.

BBRITISH Navy Estimates for 1947-48 total £196,700,000, which is £58,375,000 less than for the previous year. The main items of saving are on pay and material.

Naval armaments are, however, up by more than £2,700,000. This includes £966,000 for new construction work.



Five good Australians are now on their way to make history. Aboard the 44ft. ketch Kathleen, with 15ft. beam, they started out from Sydney on June 7 on the first leg of a cruise round the world. So far as is known, no other ship of the same size has ever attempted such a cruise, and, most certainly, never one built in Australia and manned by an Australian crew.

The Kathleen is well known to thousands of Sydneysiders. It has, for years, been moored alongside Mosman Bay Wharf and utilised as the home of its owner and family.

If the task proves successful, it will be historic, because no ship of less dimensions under sail has completed a round-the-world voyage from Australia.

Built For Owner.

Kathleen was built in Sydney for her owner-skipper, artist Jack Earl, prior to the war, and is of very sturdy construction.

Earl has had ample experience for the undertaking now in hand. He has lived all his life on the water, and has sailed up and down through the Barrier Reef and around Thursday Island, etc., so many times he has lost count.

Yachtsmen know him for his efforts aboard Kathleen in the



1945-46 Sydney-Hobart race, in which the craft was placed fourth.

Unfortunately, during the major portion of that event Earl was out of commission with a poisoned leg.

To just miss a place, under the circumstances, was no mean effort.

In the last Sydney-Hobart contest Earl sailed in Mr. Bob Bull's cutter, Christina, which won.

Jack is a real amateur, although, in point of skill, much ahead of many professionals in the yachting art.

In workaday life he sketches to keep the wolf away from the door and, for 20 years, has been

head artist attached to Truth and Sportsman Ltd.

During that period his work has been seen by countless thousands in the form of layouts and special works.

Of late years he has confined himself, almost entirely, to artistic covers for books and magazines.

Tremendous interest has been evinced by yachtsmen and the Australian Broadcasting Commission paraded the crew before a listening public before embarking.

Further, at an "office send-off" held on Thursday night, May 29, Station 2SM recorded proceedings and, much to the surprise of the crew, who never

THLEEN'S" CRUISE

had one moment's thought of publicity, a world-wide newspaper hook-up has been arranged.

During the last war Earl's services were called on for Coast Guard duties, and he was out in the ocean in those dark days of the Pacific, when duties of such nature were most hazardous.

The Navigator.

Another artist, a yolk-mate of Earl's, in the person of Don Angus, will navigate the ship throughout the journey.

Like his skipper, he is well equipped for the job.

Angus navigated the Christina into winning position in the last Sydney-Hobart race, and has also made several long voyages in small sailing craft.

During the war he was captain of foreign-going vessels up to 800 tons.

Asked what he would be doing, after having set his course at various stages, his modest reply was: "Probably a spot of drawing or, perhaps, a bit of fishing." Such is the buoyant mental outlook of the crew.

Others of the Kathleen crew: M. ("Mick") Morris, formerly of the A.I.F., who sailed in the Mistral in the Sydney-Hobart encounter.

Jack Day, one of the keenest of Sydney's yachtsmen, and Keith Humphries, a young six-

footer, who knows small sailing ships through long experience.

There we have the total complement. How have they gone about things?

Much Hard Work.

Much hard work has been done in recent months.

Installation of additional water and fuel tanks for the small auxiliary engine was accomplished.

Building of racks for ship's stores was another task successfully overcome and, likewise, a shelter over the cockpit; spray dodgers over the main and fo'ard hatches, plus a thousand and one other items, small, perhaps, but equally important for the success of such an undertaking.

Comfort arrangements were also added to seaworthiness detail for the 25,000-mile voyage.

From their own experiences, plus advice tendered from other yachting "high-ups," all the ground, so far as can be gathered, has been attended.

Proposed Route.

The skipper proposes to sail northward through the Barrier Reef, and on this part of the journey will be accompanied by his wife, son and daughter, who will join ship at Gladstone (Queensland).

They will leave the crew to their own devices at Thursday Island.



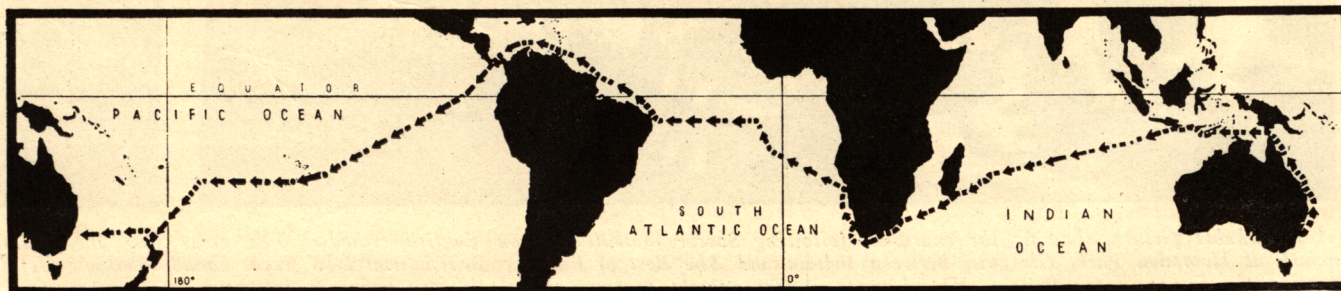
Thence the course will be set westward across the Arafura Sea to Timor and through the Dutch East Indies to Bali and Java.

From there the nose will point south-west to Christmas Island and the Cocos Keeling Group.

Next leg will be the long passage across the Indian Ocean to Rodriguez and Mauritius Islands.

Hence to Madagascar and Durban, Port Elizabeth and around the Cape to Capetown, followed by a trek northward along the west coast of South Africa and across to St. Helena and Ascension Islands.

After that, a course will be set westward across the South Atlantic to Brazil, as shown in the diagram at foot of page.



Roundabout of Sport



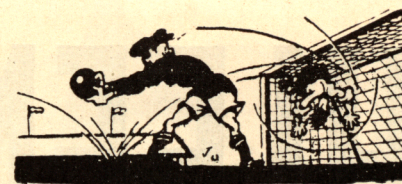
WHAT a month this is for sport. Already we have witnessed two international football teams, South African soccer and New Zealand Rugby Union sides in action.

Add to those the Country Rugby Leaguers and Queenslanders of the same code, plus Queensland Union and Victorian Australian Rules players. We have also had the usual array of interstate and oversea wrestlers and boxers while Baseball followers have been regaled with matches between U.S.A. and N.S.W. at Marrickville Oval on Sundays. To add another sport, a State side has been selected to trip to Queensland to contest three bowls contests.

IT has been published that the £600 for 23 matches, plus "talent" money which Sid Barnes is receiv-

ing is the biggest fee ever offered an Australian cricketer. That is incorrect. In 1931, when the £ was worth much more to the individual than today, Don Bradman was offered £500 for 20 matches plus £25 each for a minimum of 15 mid-week games; £500 to judge one "Tin Hare" race each week during the cricket season; two shillings royalty on the "Bradman Chocolate" boxes; royalties on the Bradman shirts, Bradman trousers, Bradman bats and Bradman cricket balls. And, he turned it down! Writer knows all about it having been in sole charge of negotiations.

IT looks like John Bromwich-Dinny Pails being the final choice to represent Australia in forthcoming Davis Cup matches. Colin Long and Geoff Brown have also been paired but, reading between the lines, it appears as though "Brom" prefers Pails as his second string. If such be the case it is extremely unlikely the selectors will go against him. Devastating wins in the Surrey



(Eng.) tournament should instil great confidence in the Australian pair and the chances of our regaining the famous Cup are far from remote despite the trouncing administered by U.S.A. representatives last December.

MRS. NANCY BOLTON still moves along toward world tennis champion rank. Cables have informed us how she has completely outclassed her opponents in English tournaments. Few seem to know that the Victorian lady has only lost one set in three years. You have to be a dyed-in-the-wool champion to create a record like that.

EGO, who was second to Reynolds-town in the 1936 Grand National, and Conjuror, third to Sergeant Murphy in 1923, were National Hunt Chase winners to go very near emulating Why Not's feat.



A remarkable picture, showing the enormous following Soccer football has on English crowds. The game was played last month at Hampden Park, Glasgow, between Britain and The Rest of Europe. British won 6-1. Scene shows Mannion (left) scoring the first goal for Britain. Darui made a vain attempt to save. Parola is seen trying to intervene.

THE prize money Norman von Nida has been winning in recent English tournaments will make some of our experts blink. For what follows we return to August, 1939. It appeared in the old "Referee"—"An amateur having won the Australian Open Championship, the prize money for professionals was cut down from £125 to £85. Thus Martin Smith and Norman von Nida took £35 each representing the amended first and second prizes. Connors collected £10 and A. Thompson, Sydney professional, although way down the list £5. The Australian Golf Union has been pretty lucky in respect of these 'cuts.'

"Earlier in the history of the event, Ivo Whitton saved it quite a lot of money by winning the Open five times. Then Jim Ferrier (an amateur then) collected it two years in succession."

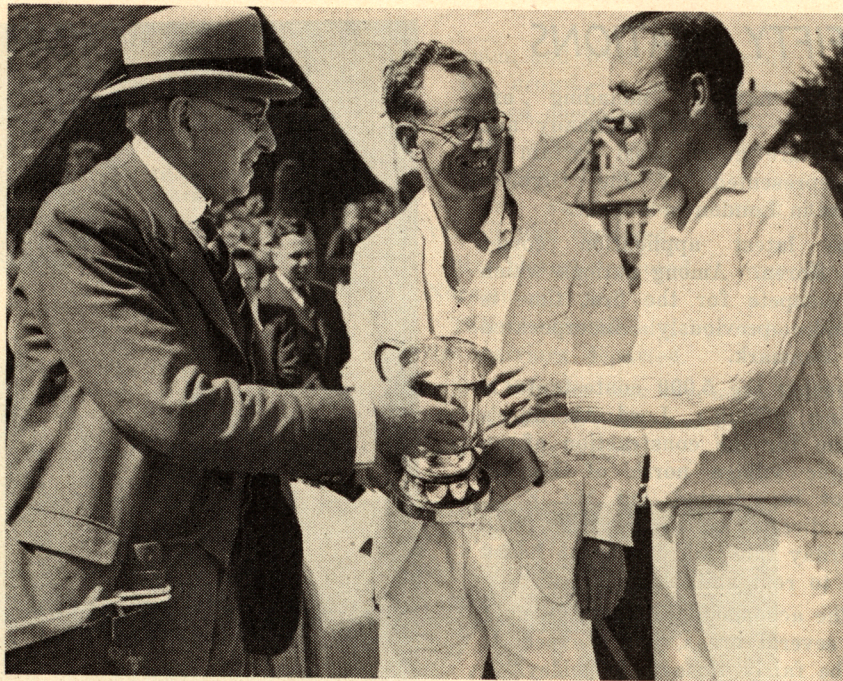
These times "Von" is winning round about £600 per month.

English Turf Notes.

WHEN Why Not won the Grand National in 1894 he completed a unique double. Eight years previously he had won the National Hunt Chase and no horse before or since has managed to win both races, though many have tried.

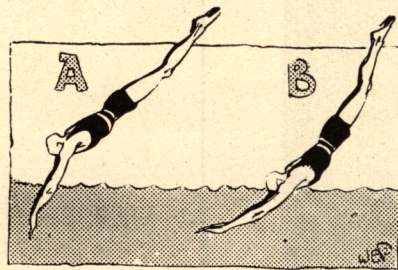
THE National Hunt Chase, in which each horse carries 12st. 3lb., excluding penalties, and is ridden by an amateur rider, is run over four miles of the stiff Cheltenham course; but years ago it had no regular home and was decided on several courses. First time it was run at Cheltenham Timothy Titus was the winner, and present Wroughton trainer, Ivor Anthony, was the winning jockey; that was in 1904.

ALTHOUGH many form students, when looking for the Grand National winner, discard any horse with no previous experience at Aintree, the record books reveal that more than half of the 103 winners of the great chase were making a first appearance in the race.



A cheer for Victorian J. E. ("Jock") Harper, who is doing himself proud in England with racquet in hand. Here he is being presented with the Challenge Cup, won at Surrey, by Mr. F. H. Loudon, J.P., O.B.E., president of county of Surrey tennis. H. F. Walton, runner-up, is shown in centre.

JABEZ WOLFFE, veteran long distance swimmer and the man who trained would-be channel swimmers before the war, was asked what were the chances of one of the English girls having a try this year. His reply: "It costs



too much money. £300 at least. Girls who can afford such a sum are too lazy, and those who like to swim the channel can't afford it. He thinks there are one or two English girls who could do the trick in record time but fears it will not be this year.

Wembley Gesture.

IT was revealed at the annual meeting of Wembley Stadium, Ltd. that the company was giving, free of charge, to the Organising Committee of the Olympic Games the use of their Stadium, Empire Pool

and other buildings and, in addition, had guaranteed the expenses of the Committee up to £100,000.

This amount is to be a first charge on the receipts, after which the company would be entitled to compensation for the loss sustained in the suspension of greyhound racing because of the Games. No other profits would be taken and alterations and improvements to the property would be carried out at the company's own expense.

Golfers' Corner.

HEARD at the nineteenth hole during the month—

The beginner had spent the day watching a big professional tournament. "I grant you," he said, "that these fellows can turn in the scores all right, but they don't seem to possess the variety of stroke I have."

"Who was that charming lady you were playing golf with yesterday?"

"My wife."

"I didn't know she played golf. How did you get on?"

"She was 9,000 words up at the turn."

FIFTY NATIONS

FIFTY nations, including ex-enemies—but not Germany and Japan—are now almost certain to be represented at the Olympic Games in London next year.

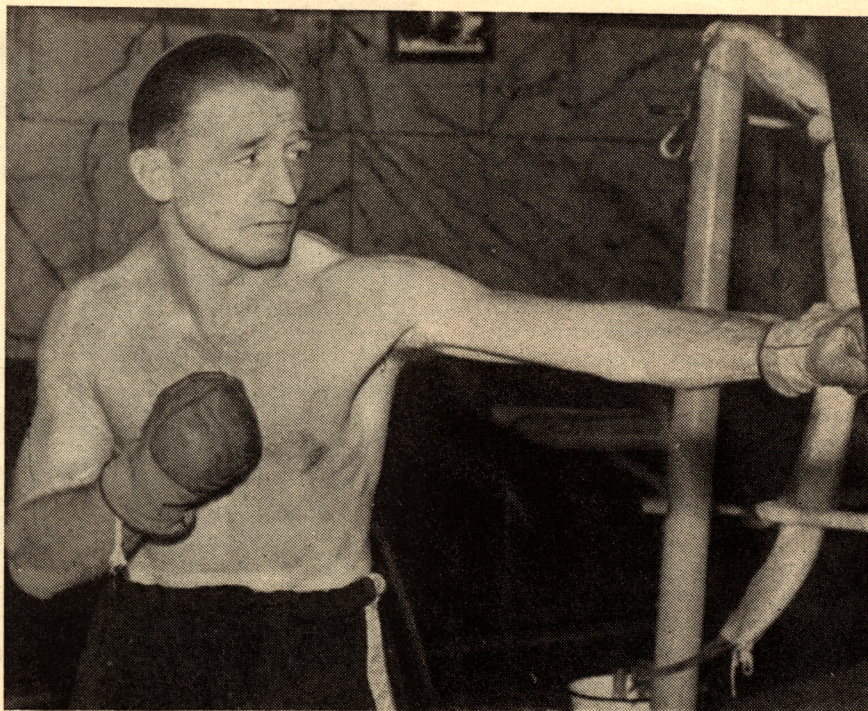
The latest application comes from Korea. Among nations which will compete for the first time is Iceland, previously incorporated with Denmark.

Housing the 5,000 contestants is proving difficult. Lord Aberdare's scheme for the construction of an Olympic village north of London cannot be adopted, but Mr. E. J. Holt, director of organisation, said yesterday that the committee hopes soon to rent suitable buildings.

"The accommodation may be split into several areas, but I expect it will be fairly close to Wembley."

Golfer: "I learnt my golf abroad."

Caddie: "I thought so, sir. I've never seen anything like it in this country."



Australian featherweight, Eddie Miller, now in London (Eng.) chasing the Empire title of his division, is shown training at Solomon's gymnasium. Eddie pleads that every Australian will send food parcels to England, where, he says, they are badly needed.

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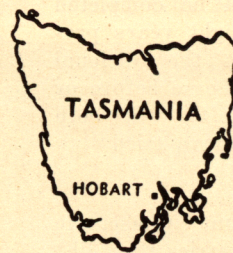


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HAROLD NORMAN LOST!

During the merry month of May there was much ado at Sydney Stadium when matmen Chief Little Wolf and Dutch Hefner got to holts. The scene ended with referee Harold Norman listening to the birds twittering after having received a k.o. outside the ring. "An Open Verdict" was proclaimed, which is another way of saying you can have it your own way as to who won the scheduled affair. Same thing happened back in 1939 when Little Wolf and Koverley were contestants. Here is how the doyen of boxing writers, Jim Donald, put it at the time :—

YOU can grow fat without laughing. There's the case of Harold Norman.

Harold greatly daring, referees the wresslin' at Sydney Stadium.

His is not a laughing job, but he has fattened up considerably during the last few seasons.

At his present rate of poundage progress, Mr. Norman bids fair to break the Sydney roly poly weight record in the very near future.

He is "bursting his Bonds" (shirt-ing, singlets, etc.) so to speak.

Mr. Norman was seen to great advantage on Monday night. He dealt with Chief "Little Wolf" and K.O. George Koverley, in fine style.

The former—whose war whoop goes round the world, with the famous bear skin and feathered head dress—is labelled "Bad Medicine" among the wrestling tribes.

The latter is an ex-pugilist, whose elbow jolt is more potent than the jaw-bone of Samson's ass.

Well, Mr. Norman licked the pair of 'em. Emerging triumphant from every headlock and outdoing the Phoenix in his arisings, the portly hero partly unshirted, and visibly distressed, like a certain Mr. Britling, "saw it through".

As for the wrassle, it was a comedy of ups and downs. Little Wolf's war whoop—a distressing sound comparable with the love call of a hyena—was loud in the arena.

Suffered in Silence.

Koverley sined and suffered in silence.

Billed as a "grudge" match, the bout lived up to its name.

Everybody had a grouch. Ring-side pressmen, policemen, radio helpers and such like felt the weight of Messrs. Koverley and Wolf's combined carcase and displeasure.

Punching, kicking, gouging, knuckling—and here and there a spot of wrestling enlivened the "doings".

There was blood in the moon.

The Wolf's nose bled. K.O.'s conk streamed scarlet.

The Indian danced a "Sir Roger De Koverley," tribal measure, on Mr. Norman's chest.

Mr. Norman ill-treated the untutored savage.

De Koverley was unkind to Messrs.

Norman and Wolf. So it went.

The crowd—a huge assembly—screamed encouragement.

Little Wolf won in the sixth round. Two falls to one.

There was another, when the verdict was rendered.

Mr. Koverley scored it over Mr. Norman.

Their heads bloody, but unbowed, the warriors departed.

Mr. Norman was the main loser. He lost half a shirt, and four and a half pounds weight.

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NIGERIAN ATHLETE

I wonder how many readers have heard of the Nigerian student, Prince Adedoyin, whose athletic feats have been causing a stir in British sporting circles. A star for next Olympic Games.

IN recent international athletics at the White City, London, Prince Adedoyin and a West Indian athlete were among the principal competitors who contributed to the securing of the point with which Britain was able to beat France.

Prince Adedoyin was born in Nigeria in 1922, the son of the ruler of the Protectorate. He was educated at the Methodist School, Shagamu, and at Methodist Boys' High School, Lagos, where he obtained a Grade 1 School Certificate and exemption from the London Matriculation. He entered Queen's College, Belfast, in October, 1943.

Prince Adedoyin's athletic feats began at home in Nigeria, where his best jump was 5 feet 6 inches.

At Queen's College, Belfast, he not only equalled the high jump

record during his first year, but broke it before the end of the season and raised it from 5 feet 8 inches to 5 feet 11 inches.

MAY REPRESENT BRITAIN.

IT is pleasing to record that a West African will probably represent Britain in the Olympic Games, Athletic Selectors are impressed by the performances of Prince Adedoyin of Nigeria, who is completing his studies at Queen's University, Belfast.

No jumping records are safe while he is around.

He set a new Scottish hop-step-jump record with 44 feet 7½ inches, beat their high jump figure, and although he did not try the long jump, he can leap 24 feet.

In the Universities Athletic Union Championships held at White City, London, he won the long jump with 22 feet, 11¾ inches, failing by three-quarters of an inch to break the record, set up by K. S. Duncan (Oxford) in 1933.

We will hear more of Prince Adedoyin in the Athletic World in the future.

Prince Adedoyin will help the British Commonwealth of Nations, to give a good account of itself in the Olympic Games, to be held in Britain in 1948.

YOUR club has affiliated itself in a new competition inaugurated by the N.S.W. Amateur Billiards Association. It takes the form of an inter-club contest with the following competitors: Tattersall's Club, City Tattersall's, Royal Automobile, Sports Club, Millions Club, Manly Memorial and Ashfield School of Arts.

Conditions call for four players in each section, billiards and snooker (actually two players and two reserves) and home-and-away matches will be played simultaneously.

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BILLIARDS and SNOOKER TOURNAMENTS

The Club's tournaments are proceeding to schedule and the various heats continue to draw large galleries.

There can be no denying the fact that these 1947 events are proving the most popular in our billiards and snooker history.

Our champions are still holding their own and the general standard of play is pleasing.

By way of diversion members spent a delightful evening on June 4, when the guest of the evening was Mr. Bob Marshall, Empire Champion Billiardist who is regarded as the best amateur player of all time. He is a product of world professional champion, Walter Lindrum whose style he closely resembles.

Playing with former State Champion, Arthur Bull, as opponent, the pair scored 500 points in 50 minutes with delightful cueing. Marshall's best run topped the 150 mark.

At snooker, current State title holder, Les Manglesdorf, provided the opposition in a 3-frame exhibition. Both played well with Marshall's 70 run a classic.

After the games the Champion gave a lecture during which he demonstrated the correct shots to play in varying positions.

RESULTS TO MAY 30, 1947.

BILLIARDS.

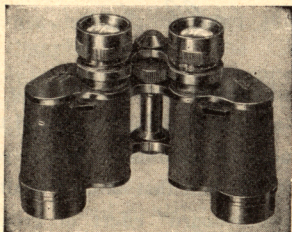
J. R. Coen	Rec.	90	beat	J. W. Anderson	Rec.	125	by	55
S. Peters	"	45	"	A. C. Gelling	"	100	Forfeit	
A. J. Chown	Owes	60	"	A. B. Browning	"	80	by	85
A. R. McCamley	Rec.	80	"	A. F. Eastment	"	100	Forfeit	
W. L. Armstrong	"	80	"	W. R. Dovey	"	130	Forfeit	
R. R. Doyle	"	130	"	H. S. Mackenzie	"	100	by	52
L. H. Howarth	"	110	"	D. Lotherington	"	120	"	51
E. A. Davis	"	50	"	L. D. Tasker	"	105	"	86
"G.J.W."	"	45	"	C. L. Parker	"	120	"	27
R. M. Colechin	"	100	"	A. Buck	"	90	"	58
S. E. Chatterton	"	85	"	G. H. Booth	"	125	"	63
H. J. Robertson	Owes	130	"	W. I. Hill	"	90	"	56
C. K. McDonald	Rec.	90	"	S. Williams	"	100	"	37
T. H. English	"	100	"	A. E. Stutchbury	"	150	"	9
J. A. Williams	"	95	"	L. Bloom	"	130	"	32
R. F. Rattray	"	120	"	L. R. Flack	"	80	"	29
N. R. Plomley	"	80	"	G. J. C. Moore	"	120	"	82

SNOOKER.

A. M. Watson	Rec.	45	beat	J. S. Blau	Rec.	40	Forfeit	
Charles Rich	"	55	"	E. J. Millar	"	45	Forfeit	
R. R. Doyle	"	50	"	J. A. Roles	"	45	by	17
G. R. Bryden	"	35	"	J. Broadbent	"	40	"	57
J. H. Peoples	"	50	"	W. Aske	"	45	"	9
H. A. Stevenson	"	50	"	R. P. Warden	"	45	Forfeit	
W. K. Garnsey	"	55	"	L. Bloom	"	55	by	39
B. M. Lane	"	25	"	J. I. Armstrong	"	45	"	15
I. Green	"	55	"	A. J. McGill	"	40	"	53
E. A. Davis	"	20	"	C. H. C. Jones	"	45	Forfeit	
P. B. Lindsay	"	50	"	J. E. Grigsby	"	45	by	10
H. H. Robinson	"	35	"	W. M. Hannan	"	50	"	44
J. L. McDermott	"	45	"	S. O. Beilby	"	45	"	53
H. E. Davis	"	50	"	F. E. Headlam	"	35	Forfeit	
R. H. Alderson	"	30	"	F. J. Geddes	"	50	Forfeit	
"G.J.W."	"	30	"	"Gay Monarch"	"	60	"	8
R. F. Rattray	"	35	"	N. R. Plomley	"	40	"	36
W. S. Edwards	"	55	"	G. H. Booth	"	50	"	22
C. C. Hoole	"	55	"	J. W. Melville	"	55	"	9
J. A. McClean	"	55	"	H. S. Mackenzie	"	45	"	34
J. A. Williams	"	45	"	F. P. Robinson	"	60	"	25
H. G. Parr	"	55	"	R. E. Edmondson	"	60	"	35
C. L. Parker	"	45	"	J. K. Monro	"	60	"	25
H. J. Robertson	Scratch	"	"	D. Lotherington	"	55	"	33
S. Peters	Rec.	40	"	D. Magnus	"	50	Forfeit	
I. E. Stanford	"	40	"	A. M. Cattannach	"	30	"	14
W. R. Dovey	"	50	"	G. Fienberg	"	30	"	14
E. W. Abbott	"	30	"	W. F. Nelson	"	50	Forfeit	
G. H. Proudman	"	60	"	G. D. Tayler	"	60	by	23
N. R. Plomley	"	40	"	R. F. Rattray	"	35	"	36
W. H. Sellen	"	50	"	A. S. Block	"	45	"	11
L. H. Howarth	"	40	"	A. F. Eastment	"	45	"	8
C. J. Manning	"	40	"	N. H. Mackenzie	"	40	Forfeit	
D. J. Ford	"	40	"	B. F. Partridge	"	40	by	14
C. E. Young	"	25	"	D. Lake	"	40	"	46
G. Chiene	"	55	"	K. F. E. Fidden	"	25	"	37

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Swimming Pool Splashes

STAR turn of the past month's racing was the sparkling swim of club champion Bill Kendall in winning a 40 yards heat in 17 3/5 seconds.

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Kendall at his best is the fastest man up to 110 yards Australia has produced, and many experts reckon that if he had chosen to go in for the longer distances after his return from U.S.A. he would have proved our best in them, too.

Suffice it to say that he is the only Australian ever to break the minute for 100 metres, which feat he performed at the Berlin Olympiad in 1936.

Club members will remember his wonderful swim at a Swimming Club Ball before the war, when he was clocked at 2.10 for 220 yards.

Most consistent performer of the past month was S. B. Solomon, who did the hat trick, winning three races in succession, thus putting himself as an easy leader in the current point score. In racing parlance he would have to fall down to lose the trophy with only two races to go.

Solomon's run of successes has put him well forward in the season's point score, as he has moved up from eighth place to fifth in the past month.

Clive Hoole has increased his lead in the 1946-47 point score and now leads George Goldie by 4½ points, with Pat Eiseman only 1½ points behind in third place.

Completion of the April-May point score gave victory to Sid Lorking, one of the club's most consistent performers, who came with a wet sail to pip Dave Hunter on the post, with Solomon and Goldie dead-heating not far astern.

A good swim of the month was a win in a Brace Relay by N. White in his first swim with the club. White is a fine type of swimmer and it is a pity he has made such a late start. Still there's all next season untouched.

The present season will conclude on 8th July, which means that there

will be one more point score series after the current series, which ends on 10th June.

Results:—

40 yards Handicap, 6th May.—S. Lorking (23) 1, C. Hoole (24) 2, K. Hunter (23) 3. Time, 22 secs.

80 yards Brace Relay Handicap, 13th May.—S. B. Solomon and S. Lorking (51) 1, N. P. Murphy and P. Lindsay (50) 2, G. Goldie and K. Eiseman (54) 3. Time, 49 3/5 secs.

40 yards Handicap, 20th May.—S. B. Solomon (29) 1, W. Kendall (19) 2, C. Hoole (24) 3. Time, 28 secs.

80 yards Brace Relay Handicap, 27th May.—S. B. Solomon and N. White (53) 1, A. McCamley and S. Murray (52) 2, T. H. English and K. Eiseman (47) 3. Time, 52 secs.

April-May Point Score.—S. Lorking, 25½ points, 1; D. B. Hunter, 24, 2; S. B. Solomon and G. Goldie, 21, 3; K. Hunter, 19½, 5; C. Hoole and S. Murray, 17½, 1; T. H. English, 14½, 8; P. Lindsay, 14, 9; N. P. Murphy, 12, 10.

May-June Point Score.—Leaders, with two events to complete the series, are:—S. B. Solomon 16, S. Murray and A. McCamley 10, C. Hoole 9, N. White and G. Goldie 8, K. Eiseman, W. Kendall and N. P. Murphy 7, D. B. Hunter 6, D. Wilson and S. Lorking 6½, P. Lindsay 5½, T. H. English 5.

1946-1947 Point Score.—To the end of May leading point scorers for the season were:—C. Hoole 114, G. Goldie 109½, K. Eiseman 108, S. Murray 103½, S. B. Solomon 95, P. Lindsay 90½, T. H. English 88; N. P. Murphy 84; S. Lorking 82½, K.

Hunter 79½, D.

Wilson 79½, A.

McCamley 60½,

D. B. Hunter

58½, G. Boulton

53½, G. Carr 49,

E. T. Penfold 45,

V. Richards 39,

H. E. Davis 38½,

J. N. Creer 36½,

C. J. Lewis 34,

N. Barrell 32½,

W. Kendall 31½.

Racing Fixtures

JUNE

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)...	Sat., 7th
Australian Jockey Club....	Sat., 14th
Australian Jockey Club....	Mon., 16th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 21st
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)...	Sat., 28th

JULY

Australian Jockey Club....	Sat., 5th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 12th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 19th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 26th

AUGUST

Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 2nd
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)...	Mon., 4th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 9th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 16th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 23rd
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)...	Sat., 30th

SEPTEMBER

Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 6th
Tattersall's Club	Sat., 13th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 20th
Hawkesbury Racing Club	Sat., 27th

OCTOBER

Australian Jockey Club....	Sat., 4th
Australian Jockey Club....	Mon., 6th
Australian Jockey Club....	Sat., 11th
City Tattersall's.....	Sat., 18th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 25th

NOVEMBER

Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 1st
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 8th
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)...	Sat., 15th
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)...	Sat., 22nd
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 29th

DECEMBER

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)...	Sat., 6th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 13th
Australian Jockey Club....	Sat., 20th
Australian Jockey Club....	Fri., 26th
Tattersall's Club	Sat., 27th

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Visitors from the Southern States who saw Blue Boots, Felt Force, the two-year-old Sefiona and some lesser lights in action in Queensland recently think they will not be overwhelmed if and when they are brought to Sydney and taken on to Melbourne.

Blue Boots actually began his racing career in Sydney as a two-year-old but being a true son of The Buzzard he was not precocious. Now with advancing years—actually he is only a rising five-year-old—he is still developing and he is likely to be a first class stayer.

He was measured against Russia and was not found wanting.

Felt Force proved a complete surprise packet for a lightly weighted five-year-old gelding. His equalling of Fuji San's nine-furlong record—1.49½—was regarded as a fluke.

A week later, however, in the Moreton Hcp., he careered over a mile and a quarter in 2.2, just one quarter of a second outside of Beau Vite's Australian record.

Felt Force might be no Beau Vite but more will be heard of him.

Sefiona is an interesting product of The Buzzard's son, Seven-Fifty, an attractive horse who did not reproduce his best form in Sydney.

As a sire he had a moderate record until Sefiona came along as one of the best two-year-olds of the year.

Eventually Sefiona will be seen in action in Sydney and Melbourne and he is another Northerner who will not be downed too easily—if at all—by the Southerners.

DOGGIE TROUBLES.

BERNARD McELWAINNE complains in the "News Chronical" (Eng.):—

While ice hockey, boxing, badminton, and even wrestling, have gone their merry ways under the glare of artificial light, the poor old dog tracks gasp and writhe under the prongs of the power ban.

Just why they have been singled out is more or less a mystery in some quarters, particularly in places where one would suppose expert advice was on tap—in the offices of the greyhound racing proprietors.

Some directors of doggy destiny have produced novel and fantastic gadgets to conduct the sport and at the same time use little or no power. Puffing, panting men, in amazing attitudes, operating converted bicycles and the like, have dragged around artificial hares, rugby balls wrapped in fur; in fact, everything but a wing and a prayer has been used to provide something for the greyhounds to chase.

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IT has been said that "The first farmer was the first man . . . all historic nobility rests on the possession and use of land."

To serve the land has ever been the aim of the Royal Agricultural Society of N.S.W. whose honoured name is synonymous with that of agricultural progress and to whose efforts, through the changing years, Australian farmers owe so much.

The establishment of an Agricultural Society in Sydney came about many years ago when our land was but in the making.

Among his many progressive moves, Gov. Lachlan Macquarie can be credited with the establishment of our first market place for the sale of the colony's produce. This was near the Church of St. John at Parramatta, where, each Thursday from six in the morning until noon, cattle, horses, pigs, sheep, grain and other goods were sold.

The Governor also proclaimed that the Public Fair should be held in the months of March and October at Parramatta.

The first fair took place on March 11, 1813, and proved a tremendous success.



Royal Agricultural Show, 1895.

Incidentally, at this Fair, English cows realised up to £30 a head—an astonishing price in those days!

An interesting sidelight on early road transport is given by the Sydney Gazette in speaking of a Fair held on 8th March, 1821. The Gazette reported: "The half-yearly Fair was held as usual at Parramatta on Thursday, 8th March last. The stage-coach started for the first time with two Reverend Gentlemen and two Bank Directors as inside passengers . . . the bugles in the basket sounding the whole way. It astounded the Hawkesbury settlers on their way to the market and made them keep to the proper side of the road."

Eventually it was decided to organise the informal meetings and discussions which took place at the Parramatta Fairs and so on July 5, 1822, there met in Sydney at the home of Mr. Robinson, a gathering of settlers from Sydney, Windsor, Parramatta and Liverpool, who agreed with enthusiasm to form a society to be denominated "The Agricultural Society of N.S.W."

The meeting appears to have been instigated through the efforts and interest of Mr. Edward Wollstonecraft and from the many notable names among those attending it is not surprising to learn that the first president appointed was Sir John Jamieson with Mr. Justice Field, Rev. Samuel Marsden, William Cox and Dr. Townson Vice-Presidents, and Alexander Berry with Geo. T. Palmer, joint Honorary Secretaries.

The yearly subscription decided upon was £5/5/- per member and the first function of the newly-formed Society was a dinner held at Walker's Inn, Parramatta, when "upwards of 80 gentlemen of the first rank and opulence in the Colony sat down to a most splendid dinner."

The objects of the first Agricultural Society were indeed worthy. They included the improvement of flocks, pastures, wheatlands and orchards and in the 14th rule of this pioneer movement was born our great agricultural shows of today. The rule stated: "An annual show of stock and exhibition of samples of wool, seeds, implements or any other articles tending to the improvement of agriculture, shall be held at Parramatta in the first week of October, to be open to the public, for premiums to be given as a reward for improvement or superiority in such a manner as the Society may from time to time offer and direct."

We gather from the Sydney Gazette that the first award made by the Agricultural Society was a silver Quart Tankard presented on February 4th, 1823, to one, Jonas Bradley, for a cwt. of Negro-head tobacco which he had grown. At the Parramatta Fair of October 2nd, 1823, premiums of pieces of plate were given for champion livestock.

The prize list at this Show sounds like a roll-call of famous pioneers. The list included:— Prize for best Merino ram, Mr. Hannibal MacArthur; for best lamb, Mr. John Oxley and for stallion, Mr.

Samuel Terry; whilst Mr. William Howe carried off the honours for the best Merino ewe.

Actually this Show of 1823 might be said to have fathered the mighty Agricultural Shows of today for despite the magnitude of the present-day organisation, basically the idea and ideals are identical.

The Agricultural Society continued to function but met with increasing financial difficulties due mainly to the depressed period of the early 19th century which was caused by colony-wide speculation. The membership dropped to 195 and with cash in hand less than the amount of outstanding debts, the Society declined and finally culminated in 1836.

During the next 20 years various Agricultural Societies sprang up. The most important of these was the Cumberland Society which held a momentous meeting at Parramatta in 1859. At this meeting Mr. Lackey moved . . . "That this Society in future be styled the Agricultural Society of N.S.W."

An act of incorporation was passed in 1869 after which the Society, in its new form, held its first annual show. This function presented a vastly different aspect from the Royal Easter Show of today. The setting was Prince Alfred Park and the surroundings the Cleveland Street of 78 years ago. Livestock and poultry were exhibited in the Park itself but the more delicate and perishable goods were placed on display in the Cleveland Street School. Also as it has been from time immemorial there was the fun of the fair for the multitude.

One can well imagine the scene! The bustling gaiety and noise; the lads and lasses of the Colony on pleasure bent; the more sober-minded working men and honest housewives intent on their "day out", while strolling through the throng were seen the "gentry"—top-hatted bewhiskered gentlemen accompanied by charming ladies trailing their voluminous frocks and wearing ridiculous but fascinating little bonnets atop their ringlets!

At the beginning of the 1880's the Agricultural Society of N.S.W. removed to Moore Park. Incidentally, we learn with interest that the first tram line in Sydney was laid down and the first tram ran to carry passengers to the Show at Moore Park.

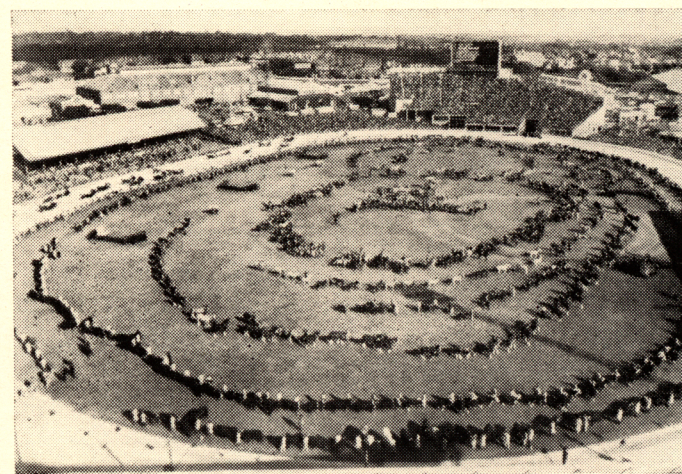
The Agricultural Society of N.S.W. became the "Royal Agricultural Society of N.S.W." in 1891 and as Sydney grew so grew both the organisation and the annual show to its present magnitude.

Today the Showground at Moore Park extends over 71½ acres which with buildings and plant belonging to the Society, constitutes assets worth about one and a half million pounds.

After long years of war we have just been privileged to see our first peace-time show and a grand sight it presented. A most pleasing feature was that the 1947 Show broke all previous records in attendance.

The Royal Agricultural Society of N.S.W. is managed by a council of businessmen and pastoralists with, it might truly be said, the co-operation of every section of the community.

We are apt to forget that the Society's work does not cease once the Show is over—instead it goes on year-long without interruption. The promotion of pasture improvement, the betterment of stock and grain yields—both supported by a steady flow of prize money for competitions; the management of the affairs of practically all the



The Grand Parade, Royal Easter Show, 1947.

leading herd book Societies; the training of young landmen—these are some of the activities of the Royal Agricultural Society and direct evidence of this organisation's service to Australian agriculture.

Plutarch has said: "Age may bring respect, dignity, prestige—or it may spell decay!"

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